

## **Accountability and Oversight**

### **RACE TO THE TOP FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT REVIEW**

#### **Louisiana**

**Date of Review: August 22, 2013**

Race to the Top Phase 3 award: \$17,442,972

#### **Acronyms:**

ARRA – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

EDGAR – *Education Department* General Administrative Regulations (codified in 34 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 74 to 82)

FFATA – Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-282, as amended by section 6202 of Public Law 110—252)

GEPA – General Education Provisions Act

ISU – Implementation and Support Unit

LEA – Local Educational Agency

### Summary of Monitoring Indicators

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<b>Allocations to LEAs</b>	The State allocated funds to participating LEAs based on their relative share of funding under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.	ARRA Section 14003(a)	Met Requirement	
<b>Fiscal Oversight of Race to the Top Funds</b>	The State and sub-recipients used the funds only for allowable activities.	ARRA Sections 14002(b), 14003, 14004, 1604, 1605, and 1606	Met Requirement	
	The State and sub-recipients complied with the principles of cash management (i.e. funds advanced were actually expended).	EDGAR § 80.21	Met Requirement	
	The State and sub-recipients have systems to track and account for Race to the Top funds in place.	EDGAR § 80.20	Met Requirement	
	The State and sub-recipients used the funds only during the period of availability (which may include pre-award costs).	GEPA 412(b)	Met Requirement	
<b>Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006</b>	The State is ensuring compliance with FFATA reporting regulations.	FFATA; Race to the Top Phase 3 award Attachments O and P	Other Matters	4
	The State established clear policies and procedures for compliance with applicable reporting requirements.	FFATA; Race to the Top Phase 3 award Attachments O	Met Requirement	

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	The State has requested clarification or correction from entities with sub-awards greater than or equal to \$25,000, as/when necessary.	FFATA; Race to the Top Phase 3 award Attachments O and P	Met Requirement	
Sub-recipient Monitoring	The State has developed a monitoring plan with appropriate policies and procedures to assure compliance with applicable Federal requirements and that grant performance goals are being achieved throughout the grant period.	EDGAR §80.40; Race to the Top grant condition “N”	Met Requirement	
	The State has developed comprehensive monitoring protocols that include programmatic and fiscal monitoring.	EDGAR §80.40; Race to the Top grant condition “N”	Met Requirement	
	The State has established a reasonable monitoring schedule.	EDGAR §80.40; Race to the Top grant condition “N”	Met Requirement	
	The State has provided monitoring reports and corrective action follow-up (when available).	EDGAR §80.40; Race to the Top grant condition “N”	Met Requirement	

**Other Matters:**

At the time on the onsite, LDOE had not submitted a FFATA report for Race to the Top. LDOE staff is coordinating with the Governor’s Office to comply with FFATA reporting requirements. In future program reviews, the Department will request and review documentation to determine the State’s compliance with FFATA reporting requirements.